



**Remembrance Next Weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Sunday falls closest to the Armistice of the First World War. **Tetbury Cenotaph Service and Wreaths at 2.30pm at St Saviour's because of the Pandemic.** Both our Sunday morning Masses will be Requiems for the war dead, using the Sunday Mass readings. The Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be the Green Sunday Mass. The Act of Remembrance and The Silence will be

included in all Masses.

**The November Remembrance List** Visits to graves and cemeteries are a traditional part of November devotions, as well as cenotaphs and war memorials. The chief form of prayer for the dead is the Mass.

1. Purple pages will be available from THIS Sunday for the names of departed loved ones.
2. Holy Souls Envelopes (when they arrive!!) for purple page and a mass offering. These envelopes can be handed in to the sacristy or given to Father at the door.
3. The November Dead List will be on the altar for all masses all month. We aim to offer a Mass for the dead every other day to allow for other intentions [and if we have sufficient requests, there will also be one mass a month for the rest of the year.]

**November Second Collections:** 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for retired clergy, who didn't have the benefit of a pension scheme whilst they were working. **Gift Aid Envelopes are available.**

**Parish Office** the Parish Offices are closed to "in person": BUT any queries can be made by email and will continue to be answered. Our contact details are below. *If you need a priest urgently, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 652087*



**Parishioners:** If any parishioner who has been unable to attend Mass for health reasons and shielding since the Covid pandemic would like to receive a telephone call from Fr Philip; please contact the Parish Office.

**Mission Red Boxes** We need Parishioners with a 'Red Box' to bring it to the Sacristy for emptying and counting, thank you. If you would a 'Red Box' will they please contact Angela Oxenham (St Michaels) or Marion Mitten (St Peters) via the Parish Office.

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**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**A Kingdom of Holy People, the Friends of God**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.      6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.      9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Tommy, Charlotte, [Noah RIP] and family)

**Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection at all masses as previously announced**

**WEEKDAY WORSHIP [Week 31 Year 2 readings]**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.      **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL**

**SOULS DAY**

**9.30am Traditional Latin Requiem in St Peter's (all the dead)**

**11.00am Requiem Mass in St Michael's (the Pope's intentions)**

**6.00pm Requiem Mass in St Peter's (A private intention)**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.      Feria/St Martin de Porres/St Winifred of Wales

NO PUBLIC MASS

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.      St Charles Borromeo

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.      Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Harry Catling RIP)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.      Feria

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.      St Willibrord of Utrecht, National Calendar

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

**NEXT WEEK – THROUGH THE YEAR XXXII (Year A) – Remembrance**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.      6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's with Act of Remembrance

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.      9.00am The Silence & Requiem for the War Dead in St Michael's

11.00am The Silence and Requiem for the War Dead in St Peter's

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

Because of That Virus, the following measures have been put in place: -

- No baskets are passed around at the Offertory, but are at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving the church
- No hymn books, Mass cards etc. at present. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED SUNDAY**

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE WITH US BY NOON ON WEDNESDAYS**

## We intercede: -

- For the Church, the joyful mother of a great company of saints: that she may bring all her children into perfect friendship with God in His Kingdom.
- For people of good will throughout the world: that they may be peacemakers and receive true life and love through the redeeming Blood of Christ.
- For those persecuted in the cause of right: that they may continue steadfastly in the way the martyrs walked before them.
- For ourselves, our parish and deanery: that in offering and receiving the Holy Sacrifice, we may find power to be unending friends with God in Christ, saints for ever and ever.
- For the parish of Wincanton and its outlying stations: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- For the sick and for all who care for them at home and in hospitals and care homes: that their difficulties may never stop them clinging to their relationship with Christ. We remember all suffering with Covid 19 during this pandemic.
- For the dead, who have gone before us in faith: that they may speedily complete their final preparation for heaven and behold God for all eternity.



## Thought of the Week – A Kingdom of Saints

The King wants us to live in His kingdom as members of His Holy, Royal and Priestly people. He called the original 12 Apostles His friends and it is surely not wrong to think of ourselves and our fellow Christians as friends of Christ. Whilst He is constant and

consistent in His friendship towards us, we are not the same in return. We wobble, falling in and out of our side of the relationship. For this reason, the Church uses two words on a regular basis to indicate this truth, Conciliation and Reconciliation. They simply refer to making friends and making friends again. Friendship admits of degrees, a range from mere acquaintance to bosom buddies. God wants us to grow in holiness and friendship, getting closer to Him over time. Outstanding examples of Christ's friends, we call saints. The rest of us are working on it. And so is God!! There is no difference in kind between us and the Saints. On earth, there were and are some who are closer and more constant and we simply wish to copy them. Their prayers in heaven aid us in this worthwhile endeavour.

Pope Leo XIII's Prayer to St Michael, recommended by the Holy Father Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **MASS TEXTS**

Entrance Antiphon: **Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day on honour of all the saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.**

Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify you, we give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation/Apocalypse 7:2-4 & 9-14

Responsorial Psalm. **Such are the ones, who seek Your face, O Lord.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia Come to me, all you, who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount

Gospel Reflection The Beatitudes are one of the greatest treasures of Christianity. They form a code for right living, a pattern for blessedness, which is happiness from God alone. The 8 points of the Maltese Cross remind us of these Beatitudes, showing us what Christian Living looks like in practical action. The Maltese Cross thus reminds the brothers and sisters of the S.M.O.M. and the members of the St John's Ambulance Brigade [and the Ven. O. St J. its parent body] of the motivation for their good works. We all want to make progress in the Christian Life, living with God here and hereafter. If we are blessed in doing what Christ tells us in this Gospel passage, we should seek it every day. Poverty of spirit tells us that we need God to reach heaven. This powerlessness leads to seeking the powerful graces from Him. Sorrow for sin is the blessedness of mourning. The closer we get to God, the more we want to be far from what is wrong and displeases Him. Being freed of our sins will give us purity of heart, with which to see God and the world aright. Closeness to God will alienate us from evil and worldly folk and they will inevitably persecute us., Thus we shall know we are advancing in sanctity.

Apostles Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: **Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they, who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Act of Spiritual Communion Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.